

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1998 – HB 2155

February 27, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires information contained in applications or renewals for handgun carry permits, or any other information obtained by governmental entities in the course of investigating applicants for handgun carry permits, to be kept confidential and not made available to the public. Authorizes law enforcement to obtain such information for the purpose of conducting investigations and prosecutions, or for determining the validity of permits. Authorizes handgun carry permit applicants or handgun carry permit holders to bring civil action against any person who knowingly publishes such confidential information. Authorizes an applicant or permit holder who has prevailed in a civil action to be entitled to reasonable attorney fees, all filing fees and other costs of bringing such civil action, and liquidated damages in the amount of \$500 per day for each day information is published.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue – Not Significant
Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Revenue – Not Significant
Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Based on information received from the Department of Safety, any increase to state expenditures from making such information confidential is considered not significant.
- There will not be a sufficient number of civil actions brought in court for the state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenues or expenses.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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